

## STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

1. **(Previously presented)** A cowl for use in a fly fishing rod assembly, the fly fishing assembly including an elongated rod, a reel seat body on one end of the rod for receiving the reel, the reel seat body having a top and sides, a reel on the bottom of the reel seat body, an up locking reel lock for locking a first end of the reel on the reel seat body, a fixed ring for locking a second end of the reel on the reel seat body, a rod handle, said cowl comprising:

a semi-cylindrical body having top and side surfaces adapted to be joined with the rod handle, said semi-cylindrical body adapted to partially surround portions of the reel seat body adjacent the reel and extend past the fixed ring toward the up locking reel lock thereby covering a portion of the reel seat body.

2. **(Previously presented)** A cowl according to claim 1, wherein said top surface of said semi-cylindrical body and said side surfaces of said semi-cylindrical body have a convex trailing end and convex bottom edges, respectively.

3. **(Original)** A cowl according to claim 2, further comprising a flange extending between said convex side edges adjacent the reel, wherein said flange prevents sliding of the hand of a user against the reel.

4. **(Original)** A cowl according to claim 3, wherein said cowl is adapted to be removably joined with the rod handle.

5. **(Previously presented)** A fly fishing rod handle for use in a fly fishing rod assembly, the fly fishing assembly including an elongated rod, a reel seat body having a top and sides on one end of the rod for receiving the reel, a reel on the bottom of the reel seat body, an up locking reel lock for locking one end of the reel on the reel seat body, a fixed ring for locking a second end of the reel on the reel seat body, said fly fishing rod handle comprising:

an elongated sleeve; and

a semi-cylindrical cowl having top and side surfaces, said semi-cylindrical cowl joined with said elongated sleeve, said semi-cylindrical cowl adapted to (i) extend past the fixed ring toward the up locking reel lock, and (ii) cover all of the reel seat body.

6. **(Previously presented)** A fly fishing rod handle according to claim 5, wherein said top surface of said semi-cylindrical body and said side surfaces of said semi-cylindrical body have a convex trailing end and convex bottom edges, respectively.
7. **(Original)** A fly fishing rod handle according to claim 6, further comprising a flange extending between said convex side edges adjacent the reel, wherein said flange prevents sliding of the hand of a user against the reel.
8. **(Original)** A fly fishing rod handle according to claim 5, wherein said cowl is adapted to be removably joined with the rod handle.
9. **(Previously presented)** A cowl attachment for use in a fly fishing rod assembly having a fixed ring and a reel seat body, and a up locking reel lock, said cowl attachment comprising:  
a semi-cylindrical body at least partially surrounding portions of the fixed ring and the reel seat body, extending past the fixed ring toward the up locking reel lock, and covering at least a portion of the reel seat body when the semi-cylindrical body is positioned on the fixed ring and the reel seat body.
10. **(Previously presented)** A cowl attachment according to claim 9, wherein said semi-cylindrical body includes a top surface and side surfaces having a convex trailing end and convex bottom edges, respectively.
11. **(Original)** A cowl attachment according to claim 10, further comprising a flange extending between said convex side edges adjacent the reel, wherein said flange prevents sliding of the hand of a user against the fly fishing reel.
12. **(Original)** A cowl attachment according to claim 9, wherein said cowl is adapted to be removably joined with a fly fishing rod handle.
13. **(Original)** A cowl attachment according to claim 11, wherein said flange is removably attached with said cowl attachment.

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